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Just A Word...

by Fr. Harvey

Today and next weekend, a special insert will be contained in this parish paper designed to inform all of us about the status of St. Thomas the Apostle High School in Ann Arbor and the possibility of converting the present high school into an Area Catholic Central High School. Some weeks ago, I discussed this matter in detail in this column. In a pastoral letter written to St. Thomas Parish, Bishop Povish accepted the recommendation of St. Thomas' Parish Council requesting that the possibilities of such a conversion be studied. As of June, 1977, St. Thomas High School will not be able to operate as a parochial or parish high school. At the same time, Bishop Povish designated that a 17-person committee be formed from the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor parishes to obtain the climate of opinion in this area regarding the development of a Catholic Central High School and at the same time to study the feasibility of such an operation from a financial point of view. The committee has been at work since the middle of August. The information contained on today's insert sheet in this paper is the result of one sub-committee's work. Its intention is to inform. An area-wide survey of opinion will be conducted on the weekend of October 9-10 in this parish as well as in St. Ursula's, St. Alexis, St. Francis and St. Thomas. The survey to be conducted is not a "vote" for or against an area Catholic Central High School but rather an instrument for obtaining the opinion of Catholics in this area regarding the possibilities for future planning as they pertain to Catholic school secondary education.

I would hope that every parishioner, 18 years of age and older, would seriously study the material presented by the committee so that an intelligent and responsible opinion may be given by a large cross-section of our parish. The results of our parish's response will be part of the total recommendation which will be presented to Bishop Povish by November 15th.

St. Vincent De Paul
Foods/Donations
Today
As noted in the
Monthly Calendar

Convert Instructions To Begin

Persons wishing to know more about the Catholic faith will have an opportunity to do so beginning Wednesday, October 6, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. The complete presentation will conclude with the Easter reception of converts during the Solemn Easter Vigil celebration. The decision to be received into communion with the Catholic Church must always be made freely. Enrollment in the instruction class does not carry any obligation on the part of those attending. While this class is intended mainly for those desiring more knowledge of the Catholic tradition, those who are already baptized Catholic but who feel they have need of a systematic refresher are certainly encouraged to be present. A reference book will be provided for all participants. Lecture, discussion, audio-visual materials are combined for presenting these classes.

The class will be held in the Education Center Library from 7:30-9:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening. If possible, please pre-register through the rectory by calling either Fr. Burns or Fr. Harvey (483-3360).

Area Religious Education Schedule

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Relief Time

Week A: 9 to 10:55
Week B: 11 to 12:25
After school: 2 to 3:15
Evening: St. Francis, 7:15 to 8:30

High School parents should receive information in mail.

Parish Nuptial

Carolyn A. Maass and Christopher J. Lussier solemnized their covenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Jerry Ploof on Saturday, September 18, 1976, at noon.

Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Maass of Plainwell, and Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Lussier of Battle Creek.

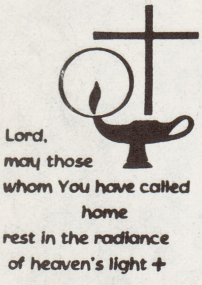
Main witnesses to the vows were Anthony Lussier of Ypsilan- ti, and Susan Lee of Ann Arbor. Tony Redente served as Master of Ceremonies, readings were done by Peter Williamson and Julie Redente. The music was led by Pat Davis and other members of the Word of God Community. Acolytes were John Hanrahan and Joe Pryce. The newlyweds will be members of this parish.

We extend sincere congratulations to Chris and Carolyn, and pray that their hearts and their home will be filled with the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

New Life In Christ

Laura June Padilla, daughter of Jose D. and Amor (Gabriel) Padilla, 276 Carriageway, was baptized by Fr. Harvey on Saturday, September 18, 1976. Reynaldo Padilla and Maribel Gabriel are Laura's godparents. Her grandmother, Paciencia Gabriel served as proxy.

Welcome, in the Lord's name, Laura. Congratulations, parents.



In the Peace of Christ

Funeral Services were held for three persons this past week.

Julia Yost, age 75, died on September 15, 1976. She had lived at 15 N. Hamilton St. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, September 18, 1976 in the Wagner-Stark Moore Memorial Chapel by Fr. Burns. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery.

Joseph Vigo, age 68, died suddenly on Friday, September 17, 1976 as a result of an automobile accident. The Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated by Fr. Harvey, Fr. Germano Pegoraro and Fr. Keith Ledwidge. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Mr. Vigo is survived by his wife, Rosemary (DeFillippi) Vigo, two sons, Joseph of Ypsilanti and Stephen of Milan. A niece, Mrs. Robert (Anna) Prevost is a member of this parish.

Josephine Forbes, age 80, died on September 14, 1976. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church on Tuesday, September 21, 1976. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery. She is survived by one sister, Mary Nissly of Ann Arbor, and several nieces and nephews.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

In Memoriam

John J. Sanocki ..... Oct. 24, 1975
Roseann Garber ..... Oct. 31, 1975

Retirees - Senior Citizens

A Mass honoring the Senior Citizens in the Ann Arbor area will be held on Friday, October 1 at St. Francis Church in Ann Arbor. Bishop Green from St. Joseph's in Adrian will be the celebrant honoring the faith contribution of our senior citizens to the church. The Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a lunch following. (Donation of $1.00 for lunch.) Since the information was received after the bulletin went to press last week, we will have to ask you to let us know if you wish to attend so that we can make reservations for the lunch. Would you please call the Secretary at 483-3360 and let her know on Monday or Tuesday of this week if you will attend the Mass only, Mass and luncheon, and whether you need transportation or are willing to drive. We will appreciate your promptness so that all necessary arrangements can be made.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 26
First Reading - Num 27:25-29
Second Reading - James 5:1-6
Gospel - John 17:17 (164-11)

Sunday, October 3
First Reading - Gen 2:18-24
Second Reading - Heb 2:9-11
Gospel - Mark 10:2-16 or 2-12

Christmas Bazaar Update

Ladies in charge of baked goods for the Bazaar would like to remind those who are canning to set aside some jars for their booth.

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Anyone who would like to type recipes for the new cookbook (need an electric typewriter) please call Mary Wheeler before October 1, 434-3159.

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Christmas trim manager, Gail Clark, would like plastic eggs from the L'eggs stockings. Call 434-5894.

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We hope that many are setting aside slips of plants, knitting, crocheting, handmade items for November 20th, the day of the big bazaar. With everyone working, we should have a successful showing as always.

AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DATA: 1976

Bishop Povish has asked the area parishes to cooperate in an investigation of an Ann Arbor Area Catholic High School. This study is to determine the climate of opinion in the area regarding the desire to continue Catholic High School education therein and the willingness to assume financial responsiblity for such a venture. Representatives from each of the parishes have been meeting and following the directives. The following is the first half of a report on the background of St. Thomas and the Area High School. The following information is available at the rectory: "St. Thomas Handbook", "Curriculum Guide", and the qualifications of the present faculty. Next time you will receive additional information covering the following topics: governance of the area school, finances, and the opinion survey to be distributed October 9th and 10th.

WHAT IS AN AREA CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL?

An area Catholic school is composed of students from several parishes. The parishes and parents involved will jointly assume financial responsibility for the school.

WHY IS A CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH BEING CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME?

Bishop Povish has written that "St. Thomas Parish is not to operate the high school as a parish enterprise beyond 1976-77." He continues to say, "The strongest pastoral and financial reasons require that the conversion be pursued. Education is not the only or the principal function of a parish, particularly education in secular subjects..... Worship, service, mission are equally important. The fact is that deficit spending to maintain the expensive secondary program enables the parish to do little else."

Although St. Thomas is currently a parish high school approximately fifty percent are from other parishes. Without an Area Central Catholic High School there would be no other facility available to continue the total formal Catholic education of students within a three county area. (Jackson Lumen Christi to the west and Dearborn Aquinas to the east)

WHAT IS THE POSITION OF BISHOP POVISH REGARDING A CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL?

"....The Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area can and should have a Catholic high school. The size of the Catholic community certainly warrants it. On a federal list of the 3,049 U.S. counties ranked according to wealth per capita, Washtenaw is 31st from the top, the means with which to maintain a Catholic high school appear to be available."

"The value of the Parochial School is that it is a laboratory is Christian living. The combination of a school in which this ideal is realized by students and faculty alike and a home in which religious values are dominant is unbeatable in the Christian formation process."

WHERE WOULD THE AREA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BE LOCATED?

It is reasonable to assume the central high school would be located at St. Thomas. The facility, in addition to classrooms, houses a library, gymnasium, science laboratory, home-economics room, art room, business education room, auditorium, and cafeteria. The facility,as presently structured, will accommodate 335 students with limited parking.

The following information is based on the St. Thomas High School as it exists now. Conversion to an Area Catholic High School would have little effect on existing programs.

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WHAT CURRICULUM WOULD BE OFFERED AT THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL?

Class requirements consist of:

Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion
English I	Writing II	English choice	English choice
World History	three electives	American History	Government
PE and Health		two electives	two electives
one elective			

Other requirements for graduation include one year of math and one year of a laboratory science. The departments are Art, Business, English, Foreign Language (French and Spanish), Home Economics, Math, Physical Education, Religion, Science, Social Studies, Counseling, Library. A work study program and a business education program are available. The students may supplement their program with classes offered in their public school district if they desire. However, they must provide their own transportation. Enrichment courses are also available at Washtenaw Community College. State provided services to the public schools are available.

WHAT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE?

Club and Class meetings are scheduled during the school day. They are: Yearbook, Newspaper, Photography, Christian Community Service, Math Tutor, Foreign Language Club, Science and Math Club, Drama Club, Pep Club, Intramural Sports, Band, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Drivers Education.

Baseball, basketball, volleyball, track, tennis, and golf are available for boys and girls. Football and wrestling are offered for boys, Inter-Scholastic Basketball and a Spring Sports Program are available for girls.

WHAT WOULD THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDE AT THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL?

"It has a threefold objective: to impart information, to provide opportunity for formation of the total person, and to make available experiences that can serve as initiation in the mysteries of Christianity." Christian involvement is the only thing that separates the parochial from the public school.

While the religious theme for St. Thomas and AREA EDUCATION is identical, implementation and materials do vary. Grades 9 through 12 meet four times weekly for fifty minute sessions. In grades 10 through 12 one of these periods is spent in service.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRESENT STAFF?

The staff is composed of lay teachers. All teachers meet state certification. Of nineteen faculty members, fifteen are Roman Catholic. All have had previous experience teaching in Catholic schools. The school is accredited by the U. of M. The teachers' qualifications as professionals are lengthy. A detailed list if available at the rectory.

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For information call Don and Betty Racine at 482-5407 or Ypsilanti Community Education Center at 483-2710.

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MEETING FOR
BINGO WORKERS
- those who have been helping
- those who just signed up
7:30 p.m. - Parish Hall
Tuesday, September 28

Invitation

Dear Friends:

We are happy to announce the Dedication Service of our new church building and extend an invitation to join us for that occasion at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 10, 1976.

Dr. Arthur L. Farrell, Executive Secretary of American Baptist Churches of Michigan, and the Rev. David Horton, Area Director for the Central Area Churches of Michigan will participate in the service.

Pastor Forrest Hampton will speak at the Morning Worship service. Members and friends who can attend are invited to share in a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. There will be plenty of time for fellowship and perhaps some music before the Dedication Service at 3:00 p.m.

We hope you can be with us on this important day in the life of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Sincerely in Christ's Service,
Forrest Hampton, Pastor

Spaghetti Dinner

Holy Trinity Chapel - EMU - Ypsilanti, Michigan - Sunday, September 26, 1976 - 4:00-7:00 p.m.

ADULTS $2.00, Children 12 and under $1.00. (Family Plan - bring the entire family for $7.00). "ALL THE SPAGHETTI YOU CAN EAT."

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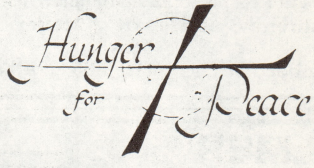
Problem Pregnancy Help

We need you! Could you give us four hours of your time once a week? Our training course will begin Oct. 5, 1976 at St. Francis Church, in the Geneva Smith Library at 8:00 p.m. Please come! Any questions? ... Call Stephanie Kowalski, 971-3742 or Pat Kay, 662-4157.

Marriage Encounter

Oct. 1-3 at Siena Heights in Adrian. Call Rob and Margie Lemkuhl at 434-5446 for information or reservations.



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
7:00 a.m. - Michael Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ludwig
2:30 p.m. - Angel Bogdan, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brosman (at Parkview Nursing Home)

TUESDAY, September 28 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Edward Denoyer, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Hector Parker
5:15 p.m. - Deceased Members of Budinger Family, req. by the Budinger Family

WEDNESDAY, September 29 - Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
7:00 a.m. - Florence Frentner, req. by Arthur Frentner
9:00 a.m. - Rebecca Yodes, req. by Tom & Maralee Meyer

THURSDAY, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest-Doctor
7:00 a.m. - Constance Doman, req. by her husband, Bernard
9:00 a.m. - NO MASS

FRIDAY, October 1 - St. Therese of Infant Jesus, Virgin
7:00 a.m. - Robert Schrepper, req. by Tom Sullivan Family

SATURDAY, October 2 - Holy Guardian Angels
9:00 a.m. - NO MASS
10:00 a.m. - Wedding of William Bauer and Matilda Thomas
5:00 p.m. - Joseph Hutting, req. by Mrs. George Max
6:30 p.m. - Wedding of Grady L. Frederick & Mary M. Compton

SUNDAY, October 3
7:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners
9:00 a.m. - Lewis Vivian, req. by Margaret & Jim Kamm
11:00 a.m. - Margaret Wyese, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Husse
12:30 p.m. - Intention of Dianne Elbanowski, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Elbanowski

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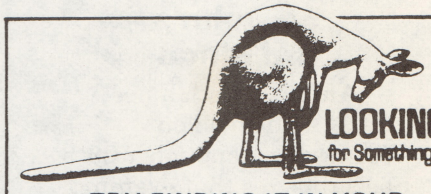

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